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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Report on the Inspector General Survey of
the Office of Communications in 1955

1. As you requested at a recent staff meeting, I have reviewed the report of the Inspector General made after his survey of the Office of Communications in 1955. I find that with the exception of the following, all actions recommended have been taken:

a. Recommendation No. 3 - That the DCI direct the CIA ELINT Staff Officer to prepare and issue an Agency Regulation covering the objectives of the ELINT program and describing the responsibilities of the various Agency components in the program.

Such a regulation was prepared and issued informally last year. However, the regulation begged the question as to who should be responsible for the R & D of ELINT equipment. In view of the various "pronouncements" by the present Deputy Director (Plans), Mr. Bissell, on the subject of all R & D, I recommend to you that we let this matter rest as it is for the time being. The informal regulation is adequate for ELINT matters in all other respects.

b. Recommendation No. 4a - "The DCI direct that no further support commitments be accepted by the Office of Communications unless it can be clearly demonstrated that its current capabilities can provide the support required without deterioration of the Agency staff communications system."

I don't know what can be done to carry out this recommendation that I am not already doing. I continue to get requirements from DD/P and a few from DD/I. In every case I point out ceiling and budgetary limitations. This serves to restrain the pressure to some extent, but eventually it will have to be decided at a higher level, i.e., what is to be done to meet the situation.

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c. Recommendation No. 4b - "Immediate Action be taken to effect a reduction in the volume of cable traffic."

I think you are quite familiar with the various steps that have been taken in carrying out this recommendation. Nothing has really succeeded as last month's cable volume was the second highest in the history of the Agency. I think all concerned are really trying to hold the traffic down, but the world wide situation as outlined briefly by Mr. Sheldon at the Director's Staff Meeting last Monday, appears to be responsible for the current high volume of cable traffic. I think that the "teletape" system now being inaugurated may help to reduce the load on the Signal Center to some extent, but I expect more relief when the KW-26 equipments come into full use. You may recall that the KW-26 is an automatic encryption and decryption system for cables and this should reduce the load on the crypto personnel.

d. Recommendation No. 4c - "The DD/S and DD/P be directed to review all Clandestine Services programs and projects requiring Communications support and terminate those of questionable value."

Action on this recommendation has never been taken in any formal way. From time to time projects which are of questionable value in my mind are brought to the attention of the appropriate elements of DD/P. As an example, a study has been made by DD/P of the value [REDACTED] The conclusion of the study was that the results of such broadcasting were not worth the cost and I anticipate that there will be a considerable reduction in the amount of this kind of broadcasting with the consequent saving of some manpower. However, no solution to this problem other than to continue to point out activities which we in this office consider marginal.

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